



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 1712  
Examiner: Jeffrey Robertson

In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Applicants : Dieter KERNER et al.	)	
Appln. No. : 10/084,336	)	
Conf. No. : 5608	)	<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>
Filed : February 28, 2002	)	
For : SURFACE-MODIFIED, DOPED, PYROGENICALLY PRODUCED OXIDES	)	26694 U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Atty. Dkt. : 39509-177800	)	

April 21, 2005

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Sir:

In further response to the Office Action of November 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. Authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.